Dear Parents,

Yesterday we had our Kindergarten Information Morning, welcoming all our new families and re-welcoming many of our existing families to Normanhurst. The children seem very settled already, which is great news for the parents (and their teachers!). Thank you to Mr Sheridan who pulled the day together, and thank you to all of our special guests who spoke. Many thanks also to Amanda Dougall and Jeanette Sargent who set up the delicious morning tea. If you were a parent who brought in some morning tea, we appreciate it enormously.

Speaking of our newest students, we have a fairly healthy number of Kindergartens for 2015 – around twenty more that the outgoing Year Six. That obviously means that we have a net gain of twenty students without adding any extra enrolments which might come, and without subtracting any students which may leave. Having said that, I have no knowledge of any existing students leaving the school at this stage. If you are leaving, or know of someone leaving the school, please contact the office as soon as possible. A few children can mean the difference between a thirteenth and a fourteenth mainstream class so accuracy is paramount.

Mrs Grimmond’s class has had Trevor the tortoise for a number of years now. Successive classes have taken care of him, watched him grow and learned a lot about these great animals. Well, courtesy of Rob Holfter, Trevor has moved into the Ritz! He now has a great tank in which he can swim, walk and “chill out”. Thanks Rob for your generous donation and for setting it all up. It looks terrific, and most importantly gives Trevor much more space to move around in.

Today was our Jump Rope for Heart “Jump Off” day. There has been skipping fever at Normanhurst in recent weeks! The children have really immersed themselves in it and it has been great to watch. Thanks to Mr Barling who has been instrumental in starting up JRFH at our school this year. Not only has it improved the
fitness levels of all students but it has also been lots of fun!

Congratulations to our senior and junior boys and girls Oz Tag teams who competed in a Gala Day last Thursday against a number of schools in our area. They played hard but most of all fairly. It was a very warm day so plenty of water was at hand and hats were the order of the day (except for a certain principal who forgot his and went home with a red head). All teams had a great time and although there were no grand final victories all teams had at least a win throughout the day to keep the interest going.

A number of people have enquired about our Crossing Supervisor Stan. He has had minor surgery and is recuperating at home. He should be up and around in a few weeks. Get well Stan!

David Beggs

The following students were proud recipients of Striver badges at our last assembly.

Luke R – red     Chloe M – red
Corey M – red    Tom L – red

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at our last assembly.

John P   KIJ    Malinsa R    2/3N
Mikala K   KIJ    Luke J     2/3N
Caitlin H  KS    Ayden B      3D
Ben W      KS    Lily A       3D
Saxon M    1H    Shana F      4N
Dakota A   1H    Lauren W     4N
Cameron K  1S    Aaron W      4/5D
Corey M    1S    Jamie O      4/5D
Lia T      1/2M   Amiira W     5/6B
Tom L      1/2M   Angus O      5/6B
Virgina R  2P    Jeremiah M    5/6G
Amelie B   2P    Joey K-H     5/6G
Sam P      2/5C
Emily B    Library

If it is possible, please assist you child and the school, by including only notes in an envelope along with the sponsorship form.

If these were not handed in at yesterday’s Jump Off, please send them in as soon as possible.

We look forward to supporting the Heart Foundation and to continue to focus on health and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you for your continued efforts to gain sponsorship and raise vital funds for the Heart Foundation. The students have been busy collecting sponsors using their form throughout Term 4 and we thank the Normanhurst community for supporting such an important event.

Vern Barling

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**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

**Jump Off Day - 2014**

If you are collecting money as sponsorship for Jump Rope for Heart, this can be returned to your child’s class teacher with the sponsorship form. The sponsorship online option will also be calculated by the Heart Foundation, so as prizes can also be tallied for each student depending on the amount of money they raise. These prizes will be distributed some time in Term 4 when the money is fully collected.

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**BANDANA DAY**

Thank you to everyone who supported Bandana Day and the approximate amount raised was $650.00. Everyone looked cool in their bandanas.

There are still a few bandanas and some pens available for sale at the school office. Bandanas are $4.00 and pens $3.00. It would be great to sell off the last of the items to raise more money for CANTEEN™.
TREVOR

Trevor’s Diary

I was just sitting in my small plastic tub as usual watching the kids go outside with their assortments of fruit and vegetables. After about half-an hour later a tall man came walking into the class and started talking with the children’s teacher. He left after a few minutes and came back with a white wooden cabinet with some doors at the bottom for storing my food and things. He left again and came back with a big glass tank and some water in big tank-like containers. He put the tank on the cabinet; it had some wood in it, some plants and a thick layer of sand. He filled the tank with the water and it made the water in the tank murky. The water made a little stone platform rise. It looked like the perfect place for me – I was excited as I thought of swimming in it.

2 days later …….

I’m swimming in my new, beautiful new home – I LOVE it! The class is looking at me swim and smiling at me. I smile back! I love it here and thank whoever made it for me!

If anyone wants to come and visit me and see my new home you are more than welcome. I would love to see you, but there are rules I believe, you can only do that when the teacher is in the room. I am in the 5/6G classroom.

Trevor

BAND NEWS

Parent Band Roster

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Band AGM – 8.00pm on Monday 17th November in the school staffroom.

P&C NEWS

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Annual General Meeting – 10th November 2014

Our AGM will be held on Monday 11th November at 8.00pm in the school staffroom. At the AGM the current office holders will present their end of year reports. All positions are then declared vacant and nominations for the next year are sought. As mentioned last week I will be vacating the President’s chair and we are also looking for people to join the fundraising, grounds, social and clothing pool committees. Without involvement from you, the school community, our P&C will be unable to fulfil its goals, so I strongly encourage all of you to give some thought to how you may be able to assist. The November P&C Meeting will be held immediately after the AGM.

AGM Agenda

Annual General Meeting
1. Open
2. Previous Meeting Minutes
3. End of Year Reports
4. Committee and Sub-Committee Elections
5. P&C Association New Members 2013
6. Next AGM – November 2013
7. Closure

November P&C Meeting
1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Reports of Officers
3. Agenda Items
   • Voluntary Contribution 2014 – Review and recommendation for 2015
4. Other Business

Scott Veale

FREE TICKETS
The Lions Club of Bondi has generously donated to our school some tickets to the World Festival of Magic. This fantastic event will be held at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park Precinct on Saturday 15th November, 2014. There are tickets available for three sessions on that day – 11.00am, 1.30pm and 4.00pm.

The tickets will be limited to four per family and can be collected from the school office on a first in first served basis. We would like to thank the Lions Club of Bondi for the donation of the tickets.

For more information regarding this event go to www.festivalofmagic.com.au

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL – PARENT WORKSHOP

Starting high school can be daunting and unsettling for many children. It can be equally daunting for parents as they embark on a new stage in their child’s life. It is essential that parents are wise in the way they support their child through this process in order for it to be a positive experience. Research tells us that children are most vulnerable at times of transition and moving in to high school is a significant transition in children’s emotional and social development.

This talk will help you to understand what makes transition successful and gives you some practical tips to know how to support your child through this time. It is useful for not only parents of Year Six children but those in Year Four and Five as the transition process starts from then. This workshop will be helpful for parents and others who live with, work with or support young people.

Date: Wednesday 26th November
Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Location: Thornleigh West Public School Library


The presenter, Melissa Adams, is a counsellor and occupational therapist who works in private practice in North Western Sydney. Melissa enjoys speaking to parents and student groups and is passionate about equipping parents with tools they can use with their children in a practical way.

FOUND
There has been a student’s purse handed into the school office.